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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

**5172 Wayfarer Circle #4 (Cedar Mill Apartments & Townhomes)**

**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to an alarm of fire at 5172 Wayfarer Circle, Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 10:37 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported heavy fire visible from the two-story wood frame apartments.

Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately. Fifteen (15) pieces of **Fire/Rescue/EMS** equipment and approximately thirty-eight (38) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief J. Harrison was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 10:55 p.m. ***A ten (10) year old child was transported in stable condition to Le Bonheur***



***Children's Hospital for minor lacerations sustained to his arms when he escaped through a window.*** There were no firefighter injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. Three (3) units sustained smoke, fire and/or water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$50,000.00 structure and \$20,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a food left unattended on the stove in the kitchen. Red Cross provided assistance for three families.

The Memphis **Fire** Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/> or call the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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